

## **MINISTER WINS INTERNATIONAL AWARD**



**Hon. Dr Hage Geingob - Minister of Trade and Industry (Center), receives the Crans Montana Forum's Prix de la Fondation 2012. Presented to him by Prince Jean de Luxembourg (Left).**

Hon. Dr Hage G. Geingob, Minister of Trade and Industry, was awarded the prestigious PRIX DE LA FONDATION 2012, by His Royal Highness (HRH) Prince Jean De Luxembourg in Baku, Azerbaijan, on Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> June 2012. The award took place in the framework of an official ceremony, as part of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Session of the Crans Montana Forum, under the Chair of Mr Ilham Aliyev, President of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

The decision to confer the prestigious award to Hon. Dr Geingob, was taken by the Board of the Crans Montana Forum, under the Chairmanship of His Royal Highness Prince A. Von und zu Liechtenstein, said Ambassador Jean-Paul Carteron, Founder and Executive Chairman of Crans Montana Forum, before the Minister received his award. Ambassador Carteron, stated that Hon. Dr Geingob, was chosen to be recipient of the award, given his exceptional leadership role in both Namibia and on the international scene, which spoke volumes and needed no further elaboration.

On his part, after being conferred the award, Hon. Dr Geingob, dedicated his award to the people of Namibia and Africa for ensuring that democratic systems and institution were in place and indeed working.



**Hon. Dr Hage Geingob, address a plenary session.**

Prior to the award ceremony, Hon. Dr Geingob, also participated and addressed a plenary session of the Crans Montana Forum, on the topic "the key role of Africa in the growing South-South cooperation".

Other past recipients of this prestigious award includes among others, US President Barack Hussein Obama, Kenyan Prime Minister, Raila Amollo Odinga, Armando Guebuza, President of Mozambique, Senegalese President Abdou Diouf, former President of Ghana, Jerry Rawlings, former UN Secretary General, Boutros Boutros-Ghali, the late Yasser Arafat of the PLO, the late Prime Minister of Pakistan, Benazir Bhutto.

*See full speech and photographs on Ministry of Trade and Industry website ([www.mti.gov.na](http://www.mti.gov.na)).*